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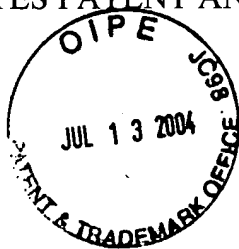
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

(1) EP 0 729 854 is discussed in the instant specification beginning on paragraph [0003]; and

(2) EP 0 669 216 is discussed in the instant specification beginning on paragraph [0014].

Applicant also submits herewith a copy of a European Search Report (in German) dated March 12, 2004 and conducted in European Application No. 04 00 0681, which is a

counterpart of the instant application. In particular the European Examiner cited:

(3) EP 0 485 883. This document is cited as an “X” category document (i.e., a document of particular relevance when considered alone). Col. 7, lines 16-21 is indicated by the European Examiner as being relevant to claims 1, 2 and 4-7 of the European Application. This document is also cited as a “Y” category document (i.e., a document of special significance in connection with another publication of the same category). Col. 3, lines 37-44 and Fig. 3 is indicated as being relevant to claims 2 and 3 of the European Application;

(4) US 5,343,918. This document is cited as an “X” category document. Col. 7, line 36 to col. 8, line 42 and Fig. 10 is indicated as being relevant to claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 of the European Application;

(5) US 5,580,404. This document is cited as an “X” category document. Col. 4, lines 1-7 and Fig. 6 is indicated as being relevant to claim 1 of the European Application;

(6) EP 0 773 116. This document is cited as an “X” category document. Col. 5, lines 2-13 and Fig. 1 is indicated as being relevant to claims 1, 2 and 4-7 of the European Application;

(7) EP 0 753 418. This document is cited as an “X” category document. Col. 5, lines 33-43 and Fig. 1 is indicated as being relevant to claims 1, 2 and 4-7 of the European Application;

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(8) EP 1 106 393. This document is cited as a “Y” category document. Fig. 1 is indicated as being relevant to claim 2 of the European Application;

(9) EP 0 846 577. This document is cited as a “Y” category document. Col. 4, line 34 to col. 5, line 6, claim 1, and Fig. 4 is indicated as being relevant to claim 3 of the European Application;

(10) US 5,198,047 is listed in the Annex as a family member document of EP 0 485 883;

(11) US 5,361,816 is listed in the Annex as a family member document of US 5,580,404;

(12) US 6,003,574 is listed in the Annex as a family member document of EP 0 773 116; and

(13) US 6,095,216 is listed in the Annex as a family member document of EP 0 753 418.

Copies of the above-listed documents including the European Search Report are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

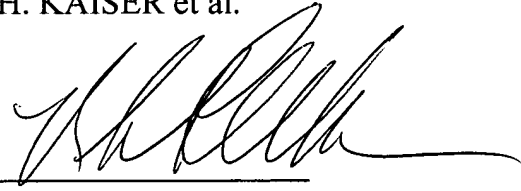
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Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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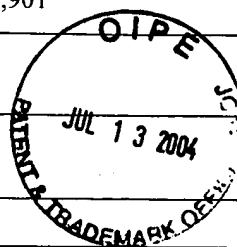
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